

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Appln. No. 09/911,718
Attorney Docket No.: Q65524

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 15-19, and 21-39 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 15-19, and 21-37 presently stand rejected and claims 38 and 39 contain allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, Applicant editorially amends claim 18 to cure a minor informality. In addition, in order to expedite prosecution in the above-identified application, independent claims 1 and 18 are amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 38. Accordingly, claim 38 is canceled and the dependency of claim 39 is changed to now dependent on claim 1. Since claims 1 and 18 now contain the allowable subject matter, it is appropriate and necessary for the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 1 and 18 and their dependent claims 2, 4-13, 15-17, 19, and 21-37.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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